

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An operating method for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order, the method comprising:

storing plural setting ~~frames~~ menu display data provided to the respective plural items;

displaying, in a single frame of a display device, ~~one of the stored plural setting frames and all of the plural items;~~ menu display data of plural items to be set;

~~inputting allowing an operator to input an instruction from an operator; to perform settings of the plural items through the display device;~~ and

performing setting of the plural items in accordance with the inputted instruction; wherein

when setting of a first item which is being set is performed based on the inputted instruction, a setting ~~frame~~ menu display data of a second item that is next to the first item in the predetermined order is displayed, and the first item is ~~turned~~ displayed as an item which has been already set, and

an item which has been already set, an item which is being set along with parameters to choose from, and an item which has not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display device so as to be distinguishable from one another.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The operating method as claimed in claim 1, wherein values which have been set are displayed for the item which has been already set.

4. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 1, wherein an operation of displaying a setting frame for an item which has been already set is allowed to be carried out when one of the plural setting frames is displayed.

5. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the setting frame for the item which has been already set is displayed, the setting for the item is carried out, and the setting frame being displayed is automatically restored to a previous setting frame which is displayed just before the setting frame for the item which has been already set is displayed.

6. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 5, wherein when the setting frame is restored to the previous setting frame, a state which has been just previously set is maintained.

7. (Currently Amended) An operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order, comprising:

a storage unit that stores plural setting ~~frames~~ menu display data provided to the respective plural items;

a display unit that displays, in a single frame, ~~one of the stored plural setting frames and all of the plural items;~~ menu display data of plural items to be set;

an input unit that inputs an instruction from an ~~operator;~~ operator to perform settings of the plural items through the display device; and

a control unit that that performs setting of the plural items in accordance with the inputted instruction, wherein

when setting of a first item which is being set is performed based on the inputted instruction, the display unit displays a setting ~~frame~~ menu display data of a second item that is next to the first item in the predetermined order, and the first item is ~~turned~~ displayed as an item which has been already set, and

an item which has been already set, an item which is being set along with parameters to choose from, and an item which has not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The operating device as claimed in claim 7, wherein values which have been already set are displayed for the item which has been already set.

10. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 7, wherein an operation of displaying a setting frame for an item which has been already set is allowed to be carried out when one of the plural setting frames is displayed.

11. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 7, wherein a setting frame for an item which has been already set is displayed, the setting for the item is carried out, and the setting frame being displayed is automatically restored to a previous setting frame which is displayed just before the setting frame for the item which has been already set is displayed.

12. (Previously Presented) The operating method as claimed in claim 11, wherein when the setting frame is restored to the previous setting frame, a state which has been just previously set is maintained.

13. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus having an operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order, the image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit that stores plural setting ~~frames~~ menu display data provided to the respective plural items; and

a display unit that displays, in a single frame, ~~one of the stored plural setting frames and all of the plural items;~~ menu display data of plural items to be set;

an input unit that inputs an instruction from an ~~operator;~~ operator to perform settings of the plural items through the display device; and

a control unit that performs setting of the plural items in accordance with the inputted instruction, wherein

when setting of a first item which is being set is performed based on the inputted instruction, the display unit displays a setting ~~frame~~menu display data of a second item that is next to the first item in the predetermined order, and the first item is turned an item which has been already set, and

an item which has been already set, an item which is being set along with parameters to choose from, and an item which has not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display so as to be distinguishable from one another.

14. (Currently Amended) An operating method for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order to perform settings for a processor, the method comprising:

displaying, in a single frame of a display device, all of the plural items and one of plural setting ~~frames provided to the plural items;~~menu display data of plural items to be set;

inputting an instruction from an ~~operator;~~operator to perform settings of the plural items through the display device;

setting the plural items in accordance with the inputted instruction;

carrying out a processing operation of the processor on the basis of contents set for the plural items; and

maintaining the contents set for the plural items; wherein

when setting of a first item which is being set is performed based on the inputted instruction, the display unit displays a setting ~~frame~~menu display data of a second item that is next to the first item in the predetermined order, and the first item is ~~turned~~displayed as an item which has been already set, and

an item which has been already set, an item which is being set along with parameters to choose from, and an item which has not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display device so as to be distinguishable from one another.

15. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 14, wherein after the processing operation of the processor is executed, an instruction can be provided as to whether the contents set for the plural items are maintained or the contents set are cleared.

16. (Currently Amended) An operating method for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order to perform the setting for a processor, the method comprising:

enabling provision of instruction by a user for all the settings for the plural items to be initial settings;

setting the plural items in accordance with the provided instruction; and

displaying, in a single frame of a display device, all of the plural items and one of plural setting frames provided to the plural items, wherein

when setting of a first item which is being set is performed based on the inputted instructions, the display unit displays a setting frame of a second item that is next to the first item in the predetermined order, and the first item is ~~turned~~ displayed as an item which has been already set, and

an item which has been already set, an item which is being set along with parameters to choose from, and an item which has not yet been set are displayed in the single frame so as to be distinguishable from one another.

17. (Original) The operating method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the instruction is provided on an initial frame.

18. (Currently Amended) An operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order to perform settings for a processor, the device comprising:

a holding unit that holds contents set for the plural items after the processing operation of the processor is carried out on the basis of the contents set for the plural items; and

a single frame of a display displaying all of the plural items and one of plural setting frames provided to the plural items, wherein

when setting of a first item which is being set is performed, a setting frame of a second item that is next to the first item in the predetermined order is displayed, and the first item is ~~turned~~ displayed as an item which has been already set, and

an item which has been already set, an item which is being set along with parameters to choose from, and an item which has not yet been set are displayed in the single frame so as to be distinguishable from one another.

19. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:

an instructing unit that makes an instruction as to whether the contents set for the plural items are maintained or the contents set are cleared after the processing operation of the processor is executed.

20. (Currently Amended) An operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order to perform settings for a processor, the device comprising:

an instructing unit that instructs all the settings for the plural items to be initial settings based on a user command; and

a single frame of a display displaying all of the plural items and one of plural setting frames provided to the plural items, wherein

when setting of a first item which is being set is performed based on the user command, the single frame of the display displays a setting frame of a second item that is next to the first item in the predetermined order, and the first item is ~~turned~~displayed as an item which has been already set, and

an item which has been already set, an item which is being set along with parameters to choose from, and an item which has not yet been set are displayed in the single frame so as to be distinguishable from one another.

21. (Original) The operating device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the instructing unit is displayed on an initial frame.

22. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus having an operating device for sequentially performing settings for plural items in a predetermined order to perform the setting for a processor, the image processing apparatus comprising:

a holding unit that holds contents set for the plural items after the processing operation of the image processing apparatus is executed on the basis of the contents set for the plural items; and

a single frame of a display that displays all the plural items and one of plural setting frames provided to the plural items, wherein

when setting of a first item which is being set is performed based on the user command, the single frame of the display displays a setting frame of a second item that is next to the first item in the predetermined order, and the first item is ~~turned~~displayed as an item which has been already set, and

an item which has been already set, an item which is being set along with parameters to choose from, and an item which has not yet been set are displayed in the single frame so as to be distinguishable from one another.